

Answer on Question 52734, Physics, Optics

Question:

A concave mirror has a focal length of 20cm . Where is the image located when the object is placed 60cm from the mirror?

- a) 15cm in front
- b) 30cm in front
- c) 60cm in front
- d) 15cm at the back

Solution:

Let's use the mirror equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{d_{image}} + \frac{1}{d_{object}} &= \frac{1}{f}, \\ \frac{1}{d_{image}} + \frac{1}{60\text{cm}} &= \frac{1}{20\text{cm}}, \\ \frac{1}{d_{image}} &= \frac{1}{20\text{cm}} - \frac{1}{60\text{cm}} = \frac{2}{60\text{cm}} = \frac{1}{30\text{cm}}, \\ d_{image} &= 30\text{cm}.\end{aligned}$$

The positive sign of d_{image} indicate that the image is located in front of the concave mirror.

Answer:

- b) 30cm in front**